



**Regional Collaboration Centre – Dubai**

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Middle East, North Africa and South Asia

# Catalysing Climate Action





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# Foreword

We are at a critical juncture in the history of our planet. While extreme climate events are being documented at never-before-seen rates around the world, we are also seeing an unprecedented swell in the momentum and desire for bold climate action, for increased climate ambition.

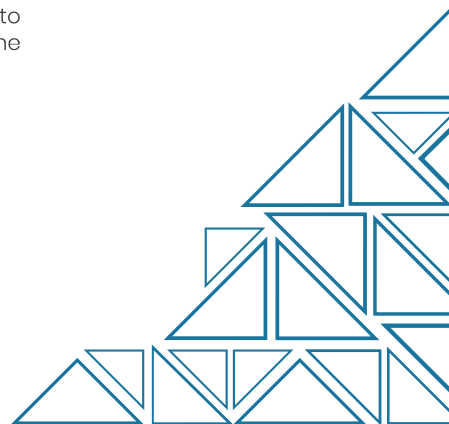
Against this backdrop, we are pleased to begin our partnership with the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) with the establishment of our Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC), in Dubai, to promote climate action in the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia. This partnership, and RCC Dubai, will support the alignment of the regional response to climate change with the global climate action agenda.

Regional collaboration is a key to informing, activating and catalysing action on climate change. RCC Dubai will facilitate the needed transformation of climate ambition into climate action on the ground in support of the Paris Climate Change Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals.

This partnership will be instrumental in enhancing the scale of climate action in the region in an efficient, impactful and collaborative manner, and we look forward to working with WGEO to facilitate, enhance and promote the region's response to the climate challenge.

**Patricia Espinosa**

Executive Secretary, UN Climate Change





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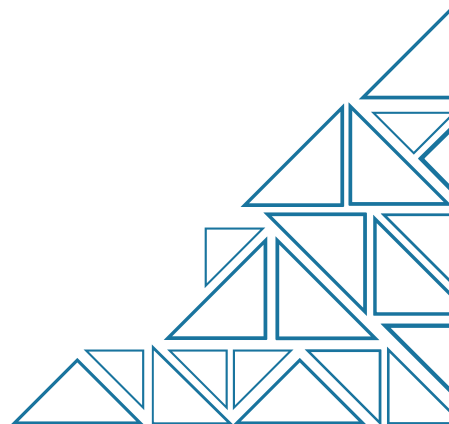
Climate change is a global issue and therefore joint and concerted action should be taken, all around the globe, to rely on green economy solutions, to establish the balance between development and preserving the natural resources for future generations.

The partnership between the World Green Economy Organization and UN Climate Change to establish the Regional Collaboration Centre Dubai (RCC Dubai) will provide a platform for engaging with key stakeholders in the region and will act as an example of the potential of cooperative action.

RCC Dubai and this partnership will facilitate these efforts in the region at a critical moment in the fight against climate change.

**H.E. Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer**

Chairman, World Green Economy Organization





# Regional Collaboration Centre for the Middle East, North Africa and South Asia

RCC Dubai was established in February 2019 with the signing of an MoU between UN Climate Change and the World Green Economy Organization (WGEO), with the support of the Government of UAE.

RCC Dubai is dedicated to the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Climate Change Agreement. It helps channel local, regional and global resources into climate action, to facilitate implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), roadmaps for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other relevant policies and strategies of countries in the region.



## RCC Dubai



Combines on-the-ground presence with global reach through UN Climate Change and the network of RCCs



Connects regional stakeholders, including youth, with the international climate change process



Helps coordinate and align the regional response to climate change



Creates and promotes partnerships, finding synergy and avoiding duplication of effort



Organizes events and engagements, improving outreach to regional stakeholders



Identifies gaps and barriers to effective implementation of NDCs, National Adaptation Plans and other national climate strategies and policies



Provides technical support and creates technical capacity to ensure sustainability

**For more about RCC Dubai, please visit :**

[www.unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/rcc-dubai](http://www.unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres/rcc-dubai)

# Portfolio

RCC Dubai's portfolio consists of a range of projects designed to: fill knowledge gaps in adaptation to climate change, create strategies to access climate finance, increase regional participation in global climate action, strengthen the capacity of youth to contribute to the regional and global response to climate change, and introduce new methodologies and tools to address climate change.



## About the RCCs

UN Climate Change and six prominent partners are catalysing action on the ground through regional collaboration centres combining climate change expertise with in-depth local knowledge, in Bangkok, Dubai, Kampala, Lomé, St. George's-Grenada and Panama.

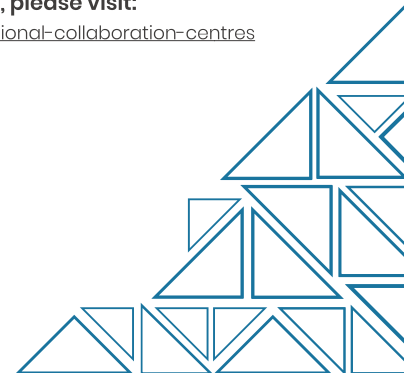
Set up to spread the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol, the RCCs have broadened their role since the adoption of the Paris Agreement to facilitate the implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions under that agreement.

The RCCs facilitate national climate action through capacity-building, technical assistance and strategic networking—mobilizing know-how and resources to drive sustainable development.

In this context, the RCCs also help UN Climate Change and its partners to deliver annual Regional Climate Weeks in Asia-Pacific, Africa, Latin-America and the Caribbean and in the Middle East and North Africa.

**For more about the RCCs, please visit:**

[www.unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres](http://www.unfccc.int/about-us/regional-collaboration-centres)



# About UN Climate Change

UN Climate Change is the secretariat to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Established in 1992, the Convention has near universal membership and is the parent treaty of the Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Climate Change Agreement.

The main goal of the Paris Agreement is to keep global average temperature rise this century to well below 2 degrees Celsius and to drive efforts to limit the temperature increase even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

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# About World Green Economy Organization

The World Green Economy Organization (WGEO) is a comprehensive response to calls by the international community for a holistic approach to spur progress on how and why a green economy is the world's best route towards a safe and prosperous future.

The path from RIO+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in 2012 to the recent passage of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement has seen strong levels of commitment by world leaders to shift to a green economy

The WGEO seeks to promote the widespread acceptance and increased importance of the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication by linking financing, technology, capacity building and all other elements of the enabling environment for green economy.

**For more about the World Green Economy Organization, please visit:** [www.worldgreeneconomy.org](http://www.worldgreeneconomy.org)

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